

REMARKS

The present amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of September 25, 2003 on the above-identified application. Entry of the amendments to the specification and claims set forth above is respectfully requested, as is a reconsideration of the claims by the Examiner.

Claims 1 through 9 are pending in the application. All were rejected on formal grounds in the action.

Turning to page 2 of the action in paragraph 1, the drawings currently on file were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5). Specifically, Figure 3 was indicated as lacking reference number “35” mentioned in the specification at page 8, line 23. A proposed correction for Figure 3, with reference number “35” added in red ink, is being submitted herewith as a separate paper for approval by the Examiner.

In paragraph 2, the Abstract currently on file was objected to. The Abstract has been amended above into a form more in accord with the requirements of U.S. practice.

In paragraph 3, the disclosure was objected to for formal reasons. The points raised by the Examiner have all been addressed in the foregoing amendment.

Finally, on page 3 of the action , claims 1 through 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1 and 6 have been amended above to address the points raised by the Examiner.

An early allowance of claims 1 through 9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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